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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed September 13, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 28 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Referring to FIG. 1, a shoe 12 for protecting a foot includes an upper 13 having a quarter 16 and a vamp 18 attached together with stitching 20. Vamp 18 and quarter 16 may be constructed from a durable material, such as leather. An outsole 14 is attached to the upper 13 using conventional lasting techniques. Vamp 18 covers a front part of the foot, while quarter 16 covers a rear part of the foot. Vamp 18 has eyelets 22 for receiving conventional front lacing (not shown) and a tongue 24 for protecting the foot from the front lacing. Quarter 16 and vamp 18 together define an opening 27 of the upper 13 for receiving the foot.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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